And The Cooks Ate, Too!

Members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, their wives and husbands, enjoyed a delicious meal on Saturday evening, December 16th, at the Squad Building. The dinner was prepared and served by ladies of the Joanna Maden Circle of Liberty Baptist Church.

After serving the dinner, the ladies who had cooked and completed the serving, took time out for their own dinner in the kitchen. Pictured above, from left to right, are Rosa Campbell, Peggy Harvey, Barbara Puryear, Nancy Hall, Edith Scruggs, June Chenault, Nannie Mae Smith, Frances Wilson and Faye Bugg. Jerry Mitchell and Mary Frances Bryant, members of the circle but not available for the picture, did their share in preparing the food for this volunteer group of Rescue Squad workers.

After the meal, John Hall was on hand to lead the group in the singing of Christmas Carols.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEW YEAR'S EVE????

Richmond, Va. – What are you doing on New Year's Eve?

"If your plans include drinking," said John T. Hanna, Director, Virginia Highway Safety Division, "maybe it's time for you to take stock of the new Virginia legislation affecting the drinking driver."

As of July 1972, a presumptive blood alcohol level of .10 percent has been used to determine whether or not a motorist is driving under the influence. This was lowered from a former high of .15 percent.

Also, effective January 1, 1973, a breath testing machine will be used in addition to the blood test to test suspected drunk drivers. Results of this breath testing machine will be used as evidence in prosecuting driving while intoxicated cases.

"After January 1, the law will be tougher on the drinking driver in Virginia," Hanna said.

Studies have indicated that the critical judgment of a driver and his ability to react quickly in an emergency are seriously impaired after only one or two drinks. The likelihood of a drinking driver having an accident increases as the amount of alcohol in the blood increases.

"Many people who aren't normally heavy drinkers, do otherwise on New Year's Eve," he continued, offering some safe driving tips.

The wise host or hostess, Hanna pointed out, will start substituting coffee or some other non-alcoholic drink in the late hours or as morning approaches and will make sure that the guest is able to drive home properly – that he is not intoxicated or overly fatigued.

In the event that some of the party people can't drive, a car pool or improvised taxi service should be set up.

"That one drink for the road is the drink you can't afford," Hanna said, "We have to somehow make it socially acceptable to refuse one for the road – or, for the host to not make the offer."

"On New Year's Eve and throughout the year, know you drinking limit and don't exceed it."

Hanna added that motorists who are merely traveling on New Year's Eve should be on the defensive for the partygoer behind the wheel.

"Keep your car well under control, drive defensively and wear your seatbelt."

OF INTEREST TO VETERANS

FALSE INFORMATION ON GI INSURANCE STILL CIRCULATES

A false leaflet is again being circulated in many parts of the country saying that veterans with World War II GI insurance will get a special dividend. This is an almost annual occurrence which has to be denied, of course, by the VA. Not only does the leaflet indicate that a GI insurance dividend is due, but there is an application attached which it is suggested should be filled out and sent to the VA. There is no indication of how or why this leaflet is being circulated. It's a act dividends are paid on an annual basis to current holders of World War II (NSLI) insurance policies.

Get the facts on GI insurance and other VA benefits from the local office of the Virginia Division of War Veterans Claims.

New Safety Device For Slow-Moving Vehicles Mandatory

RICHMOND – A new safety device will be mandatory after January 1 on all slow moving vehicles traveling Virginia streets and highways at speeds of 25 m.p.h. or less, according to John T. Hanna, director, Highway Safety Division of Virginia.

The fluorescent orange and red triangular- shaped emblem must be used on slow moving vehicles such as tractors and construction equipment. It should be attached to the rear center of the slow moving vehicle.

The emblem is clearly visible a half-mile away during the day and with headlights as a controlling factor, is most effective at night.

"The slow moving vehicle emblem makes highway traveling safer for the motorist and the driver of the slow moving vehicle," Hanna said.

Warm and sincere greetings to you and your loved ones for the bright holiday season.
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A Gift To Grow On

Traditionally, we place an extra candle on a child's birthday cake – one for each year, and one "to grow on." As Christmas nears, with its intrinsic tradition of helping the needy, CARE asks us to remember the world's hungry children, whose birthday prospects are reflected in these grim statistics:

In the emerging nations, children under five form 20% of the population but represent over 60% of the deaths, with malnutrition the biggest killer. Of those who survive, more than half will be retarded physicaly or mentally because of malnutrition.

To prevent such tragedies, the holiday-season CARE Food Crusade appeal seeks $7,500,000 to help feed 28 million people, nearly all children, during the coming year. At baby and preschool centers, schools and other sites, the young will be served regularly – not just to keep them alive but to build healthy bodies and sound minds, so they may grow into productive adults. Linked with CARE self-help and medical aid, the food gifts develop future self-sufficiency in 34 countries from Latin America to Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Because host governments share operating costs and the U. S. donates farm abundance, our dollars are multiplied. For example: $5 gives 1,500 youngsters a protein-rich bowl of porridge; $10 serves a full lunch to 900 children; $25 helps feed 25 pupils for 3 months. From India, a schoolboy wrote: "To the American People . . . Our soul thanks you." His words will echo in the hearts of millions of children, and their parents, if you send your contribution check to: CARE Food Crusade Fund, 660 First Ave., New York, N. Y. 10016.

READY FOR YULE

"Christmas tree" is the actual name of a plant that grows in New Zealand.

MISS BYRNE'S 4-H PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

President Cindy Roach called the meeting to order and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge. Donna Hodges & Kenneth Walker started the meeting with a game and two songs. We played "Here Comes the Judge" and "Log a Mum." Elizabeth Hutchison and Barrett Hutchison talked about Christmas. Mrs. Anderson introduced us to a new member, Melinda Turner. Mrs. Anderson talked about Christmas traditions. The meeting ended the Pledge of Allegiance. Melinda Turner

The spirit of Christmas is in the air, ringing out joy and good will. We take this time to extend to all greetings and thanks.
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the Spirit of Christmas
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Cary Carson
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Fleming Drinkard
Virgil Fleshman
Marion Ford
David Garrett
Herbert Garrett
Sonny Harwood
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Cheerful Christmas Wishes
May your Christmas be bright with happy thoughts of good cheer and fellowship.
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-Ag Students Win National Awards

...ional show is the heavy duty tractor boom or lift constructed by Barry Jones. This project was a part of his training in vocational agriculture, and won 5th place regional award in the 21st James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Awards Program.

A barbwire dispenser and trailer hitch was the entry of Jesse Morgan, a senior at Appomattox County High School, in the 21st James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Awards Program. Jesse won 6th place regional award for his project which was constructed in the Farm Mechanics Shop of the Appomattox County High School.

...students enrolled in vo... agriculture at the ...County High ...have been announced as ...winners in the James ...Arc Welding Foun... Awards Program. Jesse ...Morgan, a senior at the ...County High ...won 6th place award of ...barbwire dispenser ...trailer hitch. Herbert ...Jones, also a senior, won ...regional award of ...for his project, a heavy ...boom on lift.

...total of 256 students from ...the nation received ...with prize money ...$15,000.

...entry in the contest ...a written report pre... by the student describ... the project that he ...in the school shop. ...program is designed to ...junior student interest in ...farming and to develop ...mechanic skills.

...written entries were ...by a panel consisting of ...and state supervisors ...education.

...NNIES PARTICIPATE ...CHRISTMAS BASKETS

...a part of their yearly ...project, the Brownie ...of Appomattox Troop ...donated candies to be ...in the Christmas ...baskets being distribu... by the Wesleyey Class of ...Appomattox Memorial ...Methodist Church.

...candies were made by ...brownies of Troop 308 with ...raised by selling calen...

...Gail Flint, Adult Lead... and four representatives of ...were present last ...Monday evening at the ...Church to present ...gift candies.

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GOLDEN TOUCH OF HOSPITALITY

BY JANE ASHLEY

Cookie Recipe Comes from Greece

Immigrants from many different lands have contributed the best of their native cookery to our varied American dessert cuisine.

One of the many national groups to add to our culinary wealth are the Greeks. "Kourambiathes" is the Greek name for a delicate confection — an almond flavored cookie rolled in confectioners sugar just before serving.

Greek Cookies

2½ cups sifted flour
¼ cup corn starch
1 cup margarine
¼ cup confectioners sugar
1 egg yolk
⅝ teaspoon almond extract
¼ cup chopped nuts, optional

Sift together flour and corn starch. With a spoon, blend margarine and confectioners sugar in mixing bowl. Blend in egg yolk and almond extract. Cut in flour mixture with pastry blender or two knives until coarse crumbs form. Add nuts. Knead dough a few times, until it holds together easily.

Pinch off balls of dough (about 1 inch) and shape cookies as desired. (Dough may be flattened and cut with cookie cutters.) Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake in 350° F. (moderate) oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Roll in confectioners sugar before serving. Makes about 2 dozen.

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In both 1968 and 1971, Virginia traffic deaths numbered 1,218. However, due to increases in traffic volumes, the mileage death rate for 1968 was 4.8 and that of 1971 4.0.

Southern Christmas Foods

The legacy of Southern Christmas hospitality dates back 364 years . . . to the second Christmas celebrated by the colonists in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1608.

For their first Christmas in the New World, the small band of settlers worshipped at their wooden church. Their second Christmas – and the first real festival – were celebrated in Keeoughtan village, as guests of Powhatan's friendly Indians.

"We were never more merrie nor fedde on more plentie of good oysters, fish, flesh, wild foule, and good bread," the colonists reported.

From this simple beginning, Southern Christmases became progressively more festive and elaborate. Parties, dances, games, foxhunts, fine entertainment and good fellowship became gala traditions.

Early decorations were made from materials at hand – native fruits, berries, nuts, greens, seed pods. Even in those days, mistletoe commanded a kiss. It also was considered to bring luck and fertility. The Southern hostess would tuck tiny sprigs of mistletoe into invitations to her Christmas ball – to wish each guest happiness and prosperity during the coming year.

The 12-day holiday season was hardly long enough. The time called for family reunions, courtship, weddings, for the renewal of family ties and the bonds of friendship.

And it was a time for remembrance with strong bonds with the past – to the homes, families and customs of native lands.

Immigrants from the Old World brought their yuletide customs with them – to introduce family and new friends to the heritage of homelands. Thus a young school teacher at the College of William and Mary brought the German Christmas tree to Williamsburg in 1842.

But the tempting, mouth-watering, delectable, tantalizing, lavish foods became the most important legacy brought to this New World. The tables almost groaned with the weight of these superabundant early holiday feasts.

From England and the Continent came the fruitcake, roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, oyster and sweetbread pie, plum pudding, mincemeat tarts, Sally Lunn, cracking and batter breads, beaten biscuits, roast goose, roast suckling pig, luscious cakes and other delectables.

Colonists added eggs and milk to the English nog (or strong ale) and continued their innovation with fried oysters for Christmas breakfast, wild turkey, quail and other local game, cornbread stuffing, journey cake, the Lady Baltimore cake and large varieties of home-grown vegetables and fruits.

The "groaning boards" – overflowing with up to 14 different kinds of meat, each prepared a different way, many cakes, pies and other sweets, and numerous other side dishes – belong to a past age. But the traditional Southern Christmas feast continues with the serving of a few of these favorites during the holiday season.

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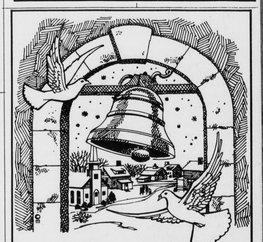
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